

## **WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at Wrockwardine Parish Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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#### **Present:**

Cllr. – K.J.S. Ballantyne - Chairman  
Cllrs. E. Dawes, Mrs Nadine Evans, D. Powell, S. C. Rawlings  
and Mrs Sheila Turner.  
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also in attendance: Approximately 16 members of the public

#### **07/110 Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all present and ascertained that the public had attended to make representations about a planning application for development in Donnerville Gardens.

#### ***7.32 p.m. PC Judith McPherson joined the meeting***

#### **07/111 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies along with reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Craik, Cllr. Mrs Savage, Cllr. Kiernan and Cllr. Mrs Elaine Ballantyne. Courtesy apologies were received from Borough Councillor Miss Seymour.

#### **07/112 Police Report**

The Chairman deferred the police report to facilitate an earlier hearing of the public session.

#### **07/113 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **07/114 Minutes**

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2007 were confirmed and signed, by the Vice Chairman, as a true record.**

#### **07/115 PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman received a copy of correspondence which had been sent to Cllr. Miss Seymour (Borough Councillor) from residents of Donnerville Gardens.

It was explained to all present that the Parish Council was not aware of the planning application (W07/1080) which was the subject of their attendance but would be happy to learn of their concerns.

***7:40 pm The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Councillors and residents to move their vehicles following a request from other users of the Parish Hall whose vehicles had been blocked into the car park.***

***7.44 pm The Chairman reinstated the meeting after ensuring that all members were once again present.***

Mr Hardman of Donnerville Hall expressed concerns over access stating that the access road which would be subjected to additional vehicles was narrow and therefore presented concerns of safety.

Mr. Myers of Donnerville Gardens stated that the major concern was over the narrowness of the access and outlined concerns over access and egress along with the fact that the road had only originally been built to service 40 to 45 houses. Details of a conversation with between Mr. Myers and the Highways Authority were given to the meeting.

Mr. Beasley of Donnerville Gardens informed the meeting that there was another field at the end of Donnerville Drive which also had potential to be developed thus exacerbating the situation.

The Chairman felt that as the whole development was in effect off what was a private drive (to Donnerville Hall) it had in any case exceeded a guideline that only three properties should be developed off a private drive.

Mr. Beasley stated that the residents were looking for support for their objections.

Mr. Hardman stated that those present were not objecting to the development of the houses but were objecting to the inadequate access provision.

There were general concerns expressed over the gradual increase in housing bit by bit.

Mr. Firth informed the meeting that there was a three metre wide section of the access road between the Hall and other properties which had no footpath at all (safety of pedestrians).

The Chairman gave general advice about getting in touch with the emergency services to ascertain guidance on what was acceptable in a new development.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Borough Council to find out why the Parish was not notified about the proposed development and to obtain, if possible, a copy of the planning application to bring before the next meeting of Council.

The meeting discussed the possibility of alternate access routes.

***7.54 pm the public left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman for their attendance.***

#### **07/116 Police Report**

PC McPherson gave her police report and answered questions.

PC McPherson reported that PC Rod Lake (Traffic Management Officer) was not aware of any change in policy by T&WC in determining the criteria for the siting of safety cameras.

The meeting heard that PC Lake had asked the Borough about its use of speed indicator equipment in the area but had received no reply at the date of the meeting.

The meeting discussed the crossing on Station Road.

The meeting asked PC McPherson to check with PC Lake the figures for KSI's to ascertain if the criteria for determining the location of speed camera's remained the same or had altered.

PC McPherson thanked the council for its offer of assisted funding for hand held speed equipment but stated that the Chief Constable had been persuaded to allow the force to purchase their own. Members discussed the use of the equipment.

Cllr. Rawlings reported a road safety concern in Bratton.

The Chairman gave a report on a well attended Remembrance Service.

***8.19 pm PC McPerson left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman.***

#### **07/117 Admaston House**

Cllr. Rawlings gave a report on the meeting of Admaston House Trust. It was reported that the trust had thanked Council for the offer of £10'000 but would like a letter from the Clerk with a little more detail of the conditions.

The Chairman stated that the funding structure is in accord with previous policies; Council had committed itself as far as it was able during the course of this elected term. The Trust could access the money held by the Clerk who would pay invoices upon completion of any work or upon proper audited stage payments; the Clerk has authority to pay sums directly against payments as outlined [by the Trust] at the [funding application] meeting.

Cllr, Powell stated that there was quite a lot of refurbishment which needed doing and asked if it was a correct interpretation that the grant [from the Parish Council] was subject to pump priming for other grants.

The meeting agreed that if other grant funding was not successful and refurbishment was necessary the Trust would need to come back to council again.

Cllr. Powell reported that the Trust was in receipt of a £15'000 grant from SETA to be used for safety improvements.

### **07/118 NTP3**

Members had previously been circulated with a letter from the Borough Rights of Way Officer, Andrew Careless, setting out a proposed future for the North Telford parish Paths Partnership and outlining suggestions for joint funding of projects. Cllr. Rawlings agreed to consult with Mr. Careless and stated that he would be attending the next meeting of NTP3.

Cllr. Rawlings reported receipt of contact from an offshoot of The Ramblers association raising some concerns over access in the parish; it was agreed that Cllr. Rawlings should take these issues up with Mr. Careless.

Cllr. Nadine Evans reported some concerns over gates being placed on some footpaths causing them to be uninviting to walkers. Cllr. Rawlings agreed to look at the problem and he also reported that the Borough had still not provided the appropriate Way Markings which would make some paths a lot more inviting and easier to navigate.

### **07/119 Archiving of Council Papers**

The meeting heard that the Clerk held an increasing amount of records which, he felt, would be more appropriately stored in the County Archives. It was RESOLVED to allow the Clerk to make any necessary arrangements with the County Archive Service for the deposit of the parish archive material.

### **07/120 Parish Improvements**

a) Benches/Street Signs

It was RESOLVED to order four more street signs [names to be agreed in consultation between Clerk and Cllrs. Steve Rawlings and Sheila Turner].

### **07/121 Correspondence**

#### **1. Correspondence requiring a decision**

T&WC Town Park Questionnaire – circulated. Members expressed concern over the timing of the consultation in relation to the dates of Parish Council meetings.

T&WC Highway Adoption Dulwich Grange – The Clerk reported that once more there had been no offer from the Borough to pass the street lights in Dulwich Grange on to the Parish. The Clerk was asked to contact the Borough to request same.

T&W CVS Have your say on Govt Funding of the voluntary sector. Cllr. Dawes.

T&WC LDF – Shop fronts in conservation areas. Cllr. Nadine Evans.

Cllr. Nadine Evans reported concerns over the future of the Beet factory – this was discussed.

Cllr. Evans reported on the progress of efforts to restore the Newport Canal sections and expressed concern that in the grand scheme of things the project would not receive the backing it deserved. Following discussion it was agreed

to invite Keith Gerard (Rural Agenda) to the next appropriate meeting of Council.

The Chairman asked members to note that there was to be a Rural Forum meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> November – Cllr. Rawlings agreed to attend.

## **2. Correspondence not requiring a decision**

T&W CVS	Annual Report
SALC	AGM – Final Agenda – Cllr. Dawes.
CPRE	Landscapes Magazine - Cllr. Nadine Evans.
CPRE	Voice Magazine – Cllr. Nadine Evans.
NHS	Consultation document Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital – Circulated.

### **07/122 Planning Matters**

#### **Applications**

There were no applications.

#### **Permissions**

The following permissions were received:

W07/1217	Erection of detached dwelling with attached garage and construction of new vehicular / pedestrian access; land at Church Farm Wrockwardine.
W07/1225	Erection of one open fronted store and two open fronted field shelters (retrospective) Land at Ercall Lane.
W07/1138	Erection of a single storey rear extension, extension to existing garage and erection of rear boundary wall 14 Wrockwardine.
W07/1139	Erection of a single storey rear extension to existing garage and erection and rear boundary wall (listed building application) 14 Wrockwardine.
W07/1172	Erection of 5 detached two storey dwellings (reserve matter application) Land at rear of St.Christopher's Hall etc.
W07/1078	Erection of a detached garage with office over; Overly Hill Cottage,Overley.
W07/1182	Erection of a detached dwelling; Ferniehurst, Bratton Road.

#### **Refusals**

There were no refusals.

**07/123 Accounts for Payment**

a) **Receipts & Payments - It was RESOLVED - that these be approved and paid as tabled.**

b) **Statements 9 [Bank of Scotland]** was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

c) **External Auditor's Report**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the External Auditor had responded to the letter from Council requesting that the comments be removed as they were not correct but rather appallingly they had simply tippexed out the comments and sent a letter simply stating the 2007 annual return had been duly amended. It was agreed to ask that the Clerk once more return the annual report pointing out to the external auditors that it would have been more acceptable if the original comments had been simply crossed through and signed rather than give the appearance of being clumsily obliterated by anyone. The Clerk was asked to request that the annual return is amended in such a way as to clearly indicate that it has not been illegally altered.

d) **PRECEPT**

The precept having previously been resolved, the warrant authorising payment from the Borough was duly signed by the Chairman and two Councillors.

**07/124 F&GP Committee**

There were no minutes to receive.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the F&GP Committee on the scheduled date.

The Chairman asked Members to consider suggestions for the next Development Plan.

**07/125 Press Statement**

The press release was delegated to the Chairman.

**07/126 Chairman's Closing Remarks**

The Chairman thanked all for their attendance..

**07/127 Next Meeting**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded members that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9. 11 p.m.

*Signed* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Chairman*

*Date* \_\_\_\_\_